



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,868-C)

PATENT

Application of:

Rohit Patnaik

Serial No.: 09/707,648

Filed: November 7, 2000

For: Method for Inspecting a BGA Joint

Group Art Unit: 2876

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, and in accordance with the duty of candor set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above identified application. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed along with a copy of completed PTO Form-1449.

I. U.S. PATENTS

| | <u>Patent Number</u> | <u>Inventor(s)</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
|----|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | 5,015,956 | Jensen | May 14, 1991 |
| 2. | 5,097,492 | Baker et al. | March 17, 1992 |
| 3. | 5,719,952 | Rooks | February 17, 1998 |

II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| | <u>Patent Application Number</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Applicants</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> |
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| 1. | WO 99/42818 | WO | Nicolet Imaging | August 26, 1999 |

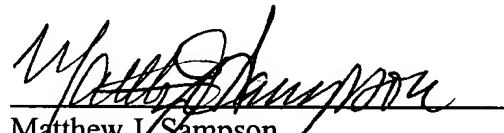
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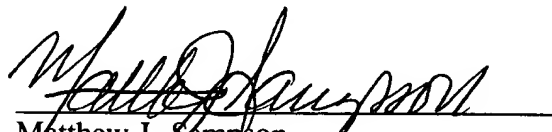
III. Discussion

Applicant submits that these documents, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to show or suggest the claimed subject matter. The relevance, as it is presently understood by the undersigned, of each reference listed herein is that the references have been identified, in an International Search Report in a counterpart international application. A copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the entirety of each document and make them of record in this application. Applicant's submission of these documents for consideration is not to be construed as an admission that the documents qualify as prior art to the claimed subject matter, a representation that a search has been made, nor as an admission that the information is considered to be material to patentability.

Respectfully Submitted,


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I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the International Searching Authority in a counterpart international application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.


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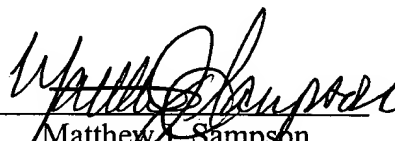
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - A. Information Disclosure Statement
 - B. Form PTO 1449
 - C. Cited References
2. With respect to additional fees:
☒ A. No additional fee is required.
☐ B. Attached is a check in the amount of \$
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to the Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.
4. ☒ CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8 (FIRST CLASS MAIL): The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the document(s) as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 22nd day of June, 2001.

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